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25X1A 1. Congressman Widnall (R., N.J.) called Mr. Kirkpatrick regarding the case of [redacted] who is subject to a deportation hearing today. The Congressman desires information as to whether CIA could be of assistance in supporting this case on behalf of [redacted]. He was assured that we would inform I&NS of [redacted] willingness to assist CIA, and that we would also brief the Congressman personally on the background in support of his private bill for [redacted] (H.R. 5874). Mr. [redacted] of the Security Office, talked with the Board of Immigration Appeals, and it was agreed that CIA would write a further letter to the I&NS, re-stating that [redacted] was willing to be useful; that the Czech coup had prevented him from assisting CIA; and that he had a definite intelligence potential.

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2. Mr. Dulles called upon Congressman Taber and the Congressman informed him that Cong. Sikes (D., Fla.) was making a trip to Europe. Mr. Taber would like to have the Congressman inspect the RFE facilities in Europe as well as certain other CIA installations. Mr. Dulles acceded to this request.

3. Mr. Dulles then discussed with Mr. Taber the personnel ceiling which the latter had imposed on CIA. Mr. Taber denied any knowledge of such a ceiling or any intention to impose such a limitation upon CIA. Mr. Sprinkle was then called in to the meeting and produced the letter which Mr. Taber had sent. The matter has now been left open for discussion with the Bureau of the Budget, and Col. White will inform Mr. Sprinkle of the results.

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4. Senator Saltonstall has informed the DCI that there will be no action this year on any resolution to establish a Joint Congressional Committee on Central Intelligence. However, he wished to discuss certain aspects of the [redacted] case with the DCI and Senators Bridges

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and [redacted] In view of the rush toward adjournment, it is doubtful whether this meeting can be arranged. The DCI informed me that there will probably be no action over the summer on an ad hoc group under Senator Saltonstall to look into CIA matters.

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* 5. Mr. [redacted] of ONE has been selected to accompany Senator Hickenlooper and his party on their forthcoming trip to [redacted] clearance can be obtained in time.

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6. In reply to the request of the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee that we authorize the release of the CIA Executive Session testimony in the [redacted] to Mr. McLeod of the Department of State, I informed Mr. Morris that we would be willing to do so, provided we had an opportunity to review the testimony first in order to protect intelligence sources and methods. Mr. Morris thereupon suggested that the Committee agree to forward the testimony to the State Department through CIA, and that we would inform the Committee as to the material which we deleted so that they could assure Mr. McLeod that nothing of major consequence to the [redacted] issue had been eliminated. Mr. Morris informed me that the request for the testimony had come originally from a Mr. O'Tiepka(Sp?) of Mr. McLeod's staff, and that Mr. Morris had discussed the matter with Mr. Rogers, the Deputy Attorney General, who had agreed that it would be preferable to have the case handled by the Department of State rather than attempt a Department of Justice proceeding.

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7. At our request, Senator Watkins has introduced S. 2489 and S. 2490, private bills to grant permanent residence to [redacted] respectively, employees of [redacted]

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